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Title : Need to review the norms for determining central share to states and prioritize the piped water supply projects to tackle the fluoride problems in Naupada district of Orissa.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): The revised scheme of National Rural Drinking Water programme provides for drinking water in all habitations regardless of the population size. But as per the revised norms, the Central share has been reduced. The State Government of Orissa has received only Rs. 302 crores during 2008-09 against which the allocation earmarked by the Ministry of Rural Development for the current financial year is about Rs. 187 crore.

I would urge upon the Government to take into account the size of the State along with number of habitations and relative backwardness for determining the Central share. As per revised norms, allocations is being considered on the basis of population. The Government of Orissa have also submitted a proposal for 21 piped water supply projects to tackle the fluoride problems in Naupada district. I would request the Government to consider it on priority basis..